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Dear Department of Justice Anti-Trust against Microsoft

Microsoft should not exist as it does today. There should be 3 organizations:

1. Operating Systems
2. Productivity Software
3. Hardware

The three should be scattered to the wind as far as corporate headquarters go and have 0% communication.

It bewilders me that the Bush Justice Department believes that Microsoft can be handled with an "oversight committee". They have ignored and disobeyed court orders in the past--what could possibly make you think they won't do it again. Wait, Bill must have given you his word...you shouldn't put much faith in that.

Microsoft has destroyed competition. They have bullied their way into markets where they had no presence through the use of their operating system monopoly. Examples:

1. How did the Microsoft Mouse become so popular??? They offered them at a steep discount to manufacturers who also installed their OS.
2. When did Word become soo popular?? I'll give you a hint: the same time Windows 3.1 came out. Why then do you ask? That's easy. There were system calls that Microsoft shared within its own corporation they did not share with outsiders. This made Word for Windows perform great in comparison with WordPerfect for Windows.

This administration has really gone after the bad guys in the terrorist networks...it should be lauded for that. However, it is ignoring the baddest guy in the corporate sector...and it should be called to the carpet for that.

At least the EU is still looking into this. Hopefully

the Europeans have more spine than my own government and will stand up and take a chunk out of the biggest bully in the corporate sector in my lifetime.

Sincerely

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